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is made*Branch Chief: ☐ ☐ Ext. 671 Branch/Desk: SE-1 Project/Type: **OBTUSE**Case Officer: ☐ ☐ Ext. 8366 Target Area: Albania Base: AthensType of Project: **PP**

Funding Mechanism				Approvals			
X	Direct		Subsidy	Date	Authority	FY	Amount
	Contractual		Proprietary				
	Par. Services						
FY	Fiscal Review			Priority (A-E)	New Limitation?	Cr. to PP Re	
53	Authority			Branch Chief			
53	Obligations			OPP			
54	Pgm Request						
54	August Ceiling			COP			
54	New DD/P-Directed Allotment Ceiling						

Brief Description of Project and Notes-----

I. OBJECTIVE

The objective of Project OBOPUS/OBTUSE is to further the PP mission through the use of leaflets and printed matter, and occasionally small quantities of selected consumer goods, to be air-dropped over Albania at sufficiently frequent intervals to keep alive the spirit of passive resistance and the hope of eventual liberation. The printed matter also complements the radio broadcasts in giving extensive distribution to important news.

II. ASSETS

A. The tangible assets of OBTUSE are a packaging machine, as well as supplies.

B. The intangible assets are:

1. OBTUSE encourages the hope for eventual liberation in the Albanian population and harasses the Communist regime.
2. The leaflets are available for calling the people to action in event of liberation.
3. OBTUSE informs the people about HITLERISM and its policies.
4. The consumer goods dropped in Albania are a token show of our interest in their material welfare.
5. OBKEEK, the news digest in leaflet form, enables us to exploit news events as they happen, and to give wide circulation to the truth.
6. OBTUSE serves as a vehicle for defection appeals to leading Communists.

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III. OPERATIONAL

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A. Since the inception of the leaflet drops in 1949, few obstacles have arisen and reports from Albania on reaction to the leaflets have been favorable. The printing of the leaflets has presented a problem in timing, however the Athens station will be able to print this material very quickly with a new printing press.

B. OBTUSE has helped to establish HTNEIGH as the emigre leader of the pro-West organized resistance in the eyes of the Albanian people.

IV. NEGATIVE DEVELOPMENTS

The Albanian regime has denounced the leaflet and food supply program and has sent the police forces to gather the articles and leaflets and also has imposed penalties for the possession of these things. Despite this prohibition, however, leaflets are kept and passed from hand to hand.

V. ALTERNATE METHODS OF ATTAINING OBJECTIVE

None.